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PESTICIDES TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pesticides testing laboratories set up by the Union Government in the country, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the number of various categories of officials working, laboratory-wise;

(c) whether all the States have such laboratories;

(d) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(e) the steps being taken to set up such laboratories in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): A Central Insecticides Laboratory at Faridabad, Haryana and two Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories at Chandigarh and Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh have been established by the Central Government.

(b): A statement indicating the categorywise number of officials working in Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories and Central Insecticides Laboratory is given in Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): There is a network of 46 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories (SPTLs) in 18 States and 1 Union Territory . A statement containing the state wise list of SPTLs may be seen at Annexure-II. The Ministry of Agriculture has requested all remaining States/UTs to submit proposals for grant of assistance for setting up SPTLs. Grants-in-aid of Rs.40.00 lakhs and Rs.30 lakhs respectively were released to the State Governments of Meghalaya and Tripura during IX Five Year Plan for setting up of SPTLs. Grants-in-aid of Rs.45.00 lakhs each have also been released to the State Governments of Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal during 2004-05 for setting up of SPTLs.